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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the January Sheep and Goat Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
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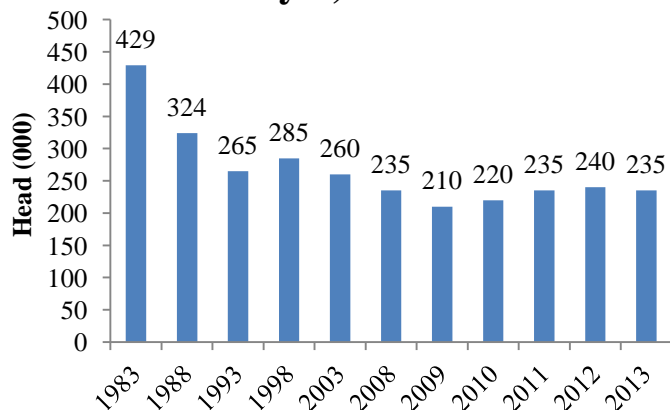
Idaho Sheep Inventory Down 2 Percent From Previous Year

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2013, totaled 235,000 head, down 5,000 head from the previous year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2013, totaled 185,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 150,000 head, down 16,000 head from January 1, 2012. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013 totaled 50,000 head. The 2012 lamb crop of 205,000 head was down 5,000 head from 2011. Idaho wool production totaled 1.9 million pounds for 2012, down 5 percent from 2011. The average wool price for 2012 was \$1.70 per pound.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, down 1 percent from 2012. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from 4.0 million head on January 1, 2012. Ewes one year old and

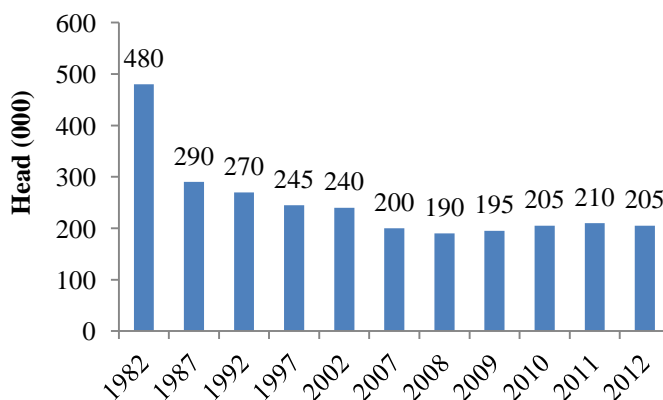
older, at 3.14 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2013, totaled 1.36 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012. The 2012 lamb crop of 3.46 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2012 was 28.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2011. The average price paid for wool sold in 2012 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 43.6 million dollars, down 11 percent from 48.9 million dollars in 2011.

Idaho Total Sheep & Lambs January 1, 1983-2013



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Total Lamb Crop 1982-2012

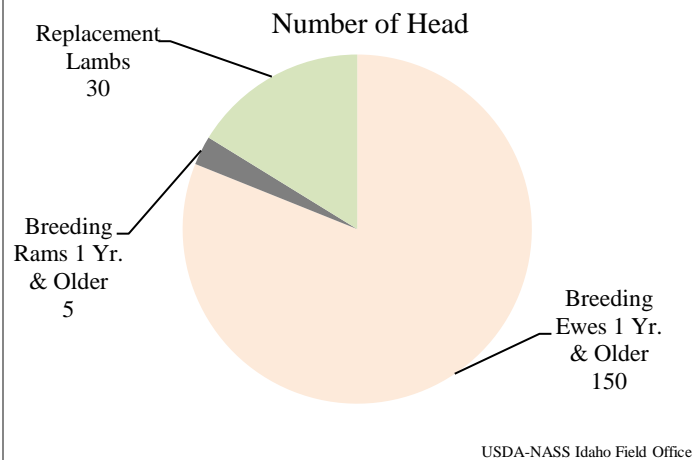


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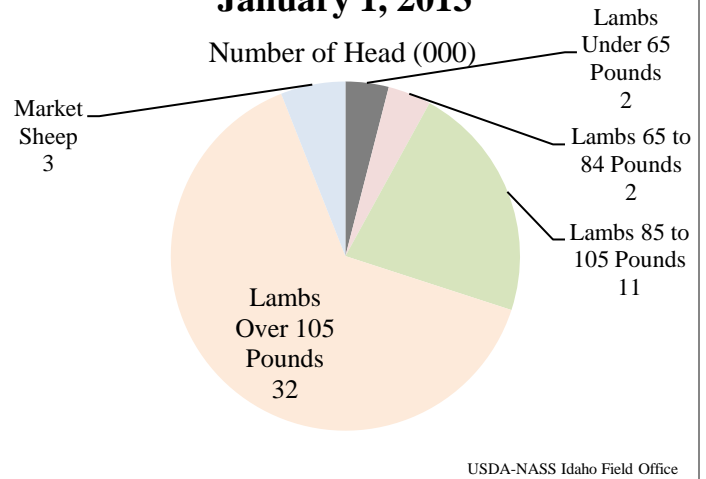
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Idaho Breeding Sheep and Lambs January 1, 2013



Idaho Market Sheep & Lambs January 1, 2013



Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Class, Selected States and U.S., January 1, 2012-2013

State	Total Sheep		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Lamb Crop ^{1/}	
					Total		Ewes 1+		Replacement Lambs			
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2011	2012
	1,000 Head											
Arizona	140	140	43	35	97	105	71	75	20	22	48	45
California	570	570	250	250	320	320	265	265	45	45	250	240
Colorado	460	435	270	240	190	195	154	162	31	27	190	175
Idaho	240	235	41	50	199	185	166	150	28	30	210	205
Iowa	195	175	52	47	143	128	115	100	23	23	155	150
Montana	225	235	15	25	210	210	165	155	39	49	205	210
Nevada	70	73	7	10	63	63	49	50	12	11	47	48
New Mexico	100	100	11	14	89	86	72	66	13	16	50	50
Oregon	200	210	60	70	140	140	109	110	25	24	135	140
South Dakota	285	275	60	55	225	220	185	180	33	33	235	230
Texas	670	700	130	140	540	560	425	440	85	90	340	310
Utah	305	295	25	20	280	275	230	225	41	41	235	235
Washington	52	54	10	11	42	43	33	33	7	7	47	41
Wyoming	370	375	100	100	270	275	215	225	48	42	220	240
U.S.	5,365	5,335	1,370	1,360	3,995	3,975	3,165	3,140	660	660	3,510	3,455

^{1/}Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers \$6.61 Million Death Loss

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 32,000 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$6.61 million, in 2012. This is an increase from revised sheep and lambs lost last year, at 31,500 head valued at \$5.94 million. Death loss values, beginning in 2012, are calculated using an average market lamb and breeding ewe value. The values for 2011 were revised using the 2012 method of calculation.

Predator losses at 26.9 percent, accounted for 8,600 head worth a value of \$1.78 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 5,200 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$1.06 million. Wolves claimed 1,400 head of sheep and lambs, valued at \$289,000. Dogs claimed 800 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$178,000. Cougars killed 400 head, valued at \$85,000 and bears claimed 300 head valued at \$62,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats, foxes and eagles, accounted for an additional 500 head of sheep and lambs.

Non-predator losses accounted for 23,400 head worth a value of \$4.84 million. Lambing complications claimed 5,900 sheep and lambs in 2012 valued at \$1.22 million. Disease claimed 5,100 sheep and lambs valued at \$1.05 million. Weather killed 3,600 head, old age killed 2,100, enterotoxaemia (overeating) accounted for 1,000 head; poison killed 500 head, 100 head were stolen and 100 were killed by being on their back. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 1,800 sheep and lamb deaths during 2012 while unknown causes claimed 3,200 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$653,000.

All Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho, 2011-2012 ^{1/}

Cause of Loss	Head		Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}		Value ^{3/ 4/ 5/}	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<i>1,000 Dollars</i>						
Coyote	4,400	5,200	14.0	16.3	817	1,059
Wolves	1,300	1,400	4.1	4.4	255	289
Dog	800	800	2.5	2.5	147	178
Cougar	300	400	1.0	1.3	57	85
Bear	200	300	0.6	0.9	40	62
Other Predators ^{6/}	300	200	1.0	0.6	54	40
Unknown Predators	100	300	0.3	0.9	18	62
Total Predators	7,400	8,600	23.5	26.9	1,388	1,776
Lambing Complications	3,900	5,900	12.4	18.4	735	1,217
Disease	6,700	5,100	21.3	15.9	1,259	1,053
Weather Conditions	5,700	3,600	18.1	11.3	1,050	722
Old Age	1,200	2,100	3.8	6.6	259	475
Enterotoxaemia	1,300	1,000	4.1	3.1	240	202
Poison	600	500	1.9	1.6	115	105
Theft	300	100	1.0	0.3	54	23
On Back	200	100	0.6	0.3	43	23
Other Causes ^{7/}	1,500	1,800	4.8	5.6	276	364
Unknown Cause ^{8/}	2,700	3,200	8.6	10.0	517	653
Total Non-Predator	24,100	23,400	76.5	73.1	4,547	4,835
Total Losses	31,500	32,000	100.0	100.0	5,935	6,611

^{1/} Includes lamb deaths before docking of 10,500 in 2011 and 11,000 in 2012. ^{2/} Percentages may not add due to rounding. ^{3/} Based on average of beginning year and end of year value per head for market lambs and ewes. Average market lamb value for 2011 - \$179 and for 2012 - \$199. Average ewe value for 2011 - \$216 and 2012 - \$226. ^{4/} Rounded to nearest 1,000 dollars, ^{5/} Dollar values were rounded and may not add to total. ^{6/} Includes bobcats, foxes, and eagles. ^{7/} Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. ^{8/} Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss.

Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho 2011-2012

Cause of Loss	Sheep						All Lambs ^{1/}					
	Head		Percent ^{2/}		Value ^{3/ 4/ 5/}		Head		Percent ^{2/}		Value ^{3/ 4/ 5/}	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Coyote	800	900	10.0	10.0	173	203	3,600	4,300	15.3	18.7	644	856
Wolves	600	400	7.5	4.4	130	90	700	1,000	3.0	4.3	125	199
Dog	100	700	1.3	7.8	22	158	700	100	3.0	0.4	125	20
Cougar	100	200	1.3	2.2	22	45	200	200	0.9	0.9	36	40
Bear	100	100	1.3	1.1	22	23	100	200	0.4	0.9	18	40
Other Predators ^{6/}	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	200	1.3	0.9	54	40
Unknown Predators	-	100	-	1.1	-	23	100	200	0.4	0.9	18	40
Total Predators	1,700	2,400	21.3	26.7	367	542	5,700	6,200	24.3	27.0	1,020	1,234
Lambing Complications	1,000	1,600	12.5	17.8	216	362	2,900	4,300	12.3	18.7	519	856
Disease	1,600	1,400	20.0	15.6	346	316	5,100	3,700	21.7	16.1	913	736
Weather Conditions	800	200	10.0	2.2	173	45	4,900	3,400	20.9	14.8	877	677
Old Age	1,200	2,100	15.0	23.3	259	475					-	-
Enterotoxaemia	200	100	2.5	1.1	43	23	1,100	900	4.7	3.9	197	179
Poison	200	200	2.5	2.2	43	45	400	300	1.7	1.3	72	60
Theft	-	100	-	1.1	-	23	300	-	1.3	-	54	-
On Back	200	100	2.5	1.1	43	23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes ^{7/}	200	200	2.5	2.2	43	45	1,300	1,600	5.5	7.0	233	318
Unknown Cause ^{8/}	900	600	11.3	6.7	194	136	1,800	2,600	7.7	11.3	322	517
Total Non-Predator	6,300	6,600	78.8	73.3	1,361	1,492	17,800	16,800	75.7	73.0	3,186	3,343
Total Losses	8,000	9,000	100.0	100.0	1,728	2,034	23,500	23,000	100.0	100.0	4,207	4,577

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Idaho Goat Inventory Up From Previous Year

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2013 was 13,500 head, up 1,200 head from a year ago. Milk goats totaled 4,600 head, up 600 head from the previous year.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. Milk goat inventory was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head. Mohair production in the United States during 2012 was 770 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 136 thousand head. Mohair price was \$3.89 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.